

No. 13--HEROES OF HISTORY.

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ROLAND--The Paladin Who Saved France.

"An army of Saracens--the largest ever mustered beneath the sun--is bearing down on us. There is still time to fly."

As reported the scout sent to reconnoiter by Roland, commander of Charlemagne's rear guard.

"The greater their numbers the greater glory for ourselves and for France!" replied Roland, and he set his little army in battle array to meet the onslaught.

This was in the year 778. Charlemagne was king of France and had pushed his conquests into other lands. Rome had long since fallen, and up to Charlemagne's time no new world-power had yet arisen. Europe was divided up into many kingdoms, few of them fit for self-government; fewer fit for curing to uphold civilization. In the orient the followers of the prophet, Mahomet, were already rolling up power. Many of them had settled in Spain, which was a great Mohammedan stronghold. England was ruled by the Saxons, who had at last subdued the ancient Britons and filled nearly the whole island. On the continent of Europe Saxons also had a foothold and openly practiced heathen rites. It was a period of violence, war, pestilence, anarchy.

In the midst of this chaos arose Charlemagne. Little by little he conquered the greater part of Europe, subdued and Christianized the Saxons, made himself emperor of Rome and, in fact, gathered up into his own strong hands the long-deserted reins of the old Roman empire. Under his sway the smoldering ashes of civilization, progress and education flared up a brief interval. What King Arthur had done for Britain, Charlemagne did for continental Europe--even to the establishing of an order like that of the Round Table and stocking it with brave knights known as "Paladins." The bravest of these was his nephew, Count Roland. Much legend surrounds Roland's life and death. As in the case of King Arthur, one must choose merely the events that are most probable.

In the course of his conquests Charlemagne marched an army over the Pyrenees into Spain to crush out Mohammedanism among the Moors there, and incidentally to annex that kingdom to his own. For six years he remained there, partly subduing the country and defeating such Saracens as dared oppose him. He repeatedly sent to Saragossa, the Moorish stronghold, ordering the Saracen king, Marsilas, to surrender. Each time his messengers were put to death by torture. At last, pressing affairs ordering his presence in his own kingdom, Charlemagne planned to return to France. He sent a final command to Marsilas to yield and, at Roland's advice, chose one Ganelon as his envoy.

Ganelon swore vengeance against Roland for putting him in so perilous a position. He had no relish for martyrdom, so he bought his safety by revealing to Marsilas the secret of Charlemagne's proposed evacuation of Spain and the route the French monarch would take over the Pyrenees. Also that the army's passage would be guarded by a rear guard of 20,000 men under Roland. Marsilas raised an immense army to cut this rear guard to pieces, and, if possible, to follow after and fall upon the unsuspecting main body of Charlemagne's troops before they could escape from the narrow mountain passes.

As Roland, with his rear guard, followed up the rest of the army he received news that Marsilas was marching down upon him. Instead of retreating to the main body and thus allowing the Saracens to attack the whole force at a disadvantage, he halted near the Pass of Roncesvalles and awaited the coming of his stronger foe. Then was fought the battle the story of which is still told at Pyrenean fountains. The French, though hopelessly outnumbered, yielded not an inch. All day the fight waged, the overwhelming numbers of the Saracens pouring down upon the brave little band from all sides, only to be repulsed before the scathed phalanx of the "Paladins' lances. At length, near nightfall, the Moors drew back baffled, leaving the remnant of Roland's troops still successfully holding the pass. One hundred thousand of the heathen are said to have fallen, while of Roland's 20,000 only 50 men remained alive.

Roland barricaded his handful of heroes in the pass just as a second Moorish army came up. This second and fresher force assailed the worn-out little band and slew them to a man. Roland had stubbornly refused to send forward to Charlemagne for reinforcements, but, according to legend, as he was dying, he blew three mighty blasts on his ivory hunting horn, the sound of which reached the French army and caused them to turn back to the rescue. It is more probable that some fugitive from the besiegers carried the news. In any case, Charlemagne is said to have returned and wreaked terrible vengeance on his nephew's slayers.

Yet the hero who died in Roncesvalles pass that day in 778 had even greater vengeance than his emperor could accomplish. For the news of his gallant feat spread throughout the world, carrying to the heathen a dread of Christian armies, making the glory of France (and of progress) to shine in the darkest places and advancing the cause of chivalry against barbarism. So, in his death, Count Roland indirectly achieved more than in a whole lifetime of warlike deeds.



A STRENUOUS RIDER.

President Roosevelt on one of his riding horses. The president recently rode 95 miles in 17 hours, most of the ride being made through a driving rain and sleet storm. (The army and navy officers are only required to cover 50 miles in three days.)

Postal Reform is On Taft's Program

CONGRESS is likely to be given plenty of work to do by President-elect Taft. There seems to be good reason to believe that his administration will be noted for a determined effort to secure two sweeping reforms in postal administration: the parcel post and the postal savings bank. Both of these reforms will be bitterly fought in and out of Congress, just as they are now, and just as they always have been since first proposed.

THE OPPOSITION TO RURAL DELIVERY.

Rural free delivery was established in the face of the most violent opposition. Representatives and senators were flooded with letters and telegrams representing that the proposed system would drive thousands of poor country merchants out of business. It was claimed that the fourth class postage was necessary for the collection of the cross-roads storekeeper. It was expected that the rural free delivery would cause farmers to stay at home, and that a great deal of his business would be lost to the country merchants.

Of course, many small fourth class packages have been abolished, but the farmer found that he can't communicate by mail with his storekeeper who he could not afford to go to the village with his team, and ordered things were brought from the store than he had ever done in the past. The farmer at a dis-

tance from the village where the country merchant does business has been brought into closer touch with the merchant than ever. Rural free delivery has been a great boon to the farmers and the country merchants.

BANKS NEEDLESSLY ALARMED.

Now, some of the small country banks are scared about this postal savings bank proposition, because they fear it will keep the deposits in their postoffices and reduce the business of the postoffice and treasury departments. They say that just the opposite results may be expected. The latter expect that postal savings banks will be merely a net to gather deposits which would otherwise be hidden away at home, or not saved at all.

Under the plan proposed by the government 2 per cent only would be paid on deposits, and there would be a limit placed upon the amount which any person could have deposited. The result would be that when the limit was reached, if not before, the deposits would be transferred to a nearby bank where a higher rate of interest could be obtained. At the same time, the government would deposit money received by the postoffices in the nearest national bank, and the bank would get the benefit of a stimulus to saving coming from the security the people feel who have their money in the hands of the government.

THE FEW AGAINST THE MANY.

It is hardly necessary to review the arguments for and against the parcel post. It is simply the argument of

the interest of the few against those of the many. The parcel post for which Mr. Taft will make his fight will provide for a maximum of 11 pounds to correspond with the weight fixed for foreign packages and a domestic rate of 12 cents a pound, which is the same as the foreign rate. Now, a package can be sent from anywhere in the United States to Europe at a cost of \$1.32 for 11 pounds. The limit of weight for a package sent from one point in the United States to another is four pounds, and a package sent from one town to the next, if of that weight, cost 64 cents. The same package sent to London costs only 48 cents.

Of course, the express companies will find the United States a competitor in carrying packages any long distance under the proposed parcel post, and for short distances the express

companies could easily undercut the mail. The express companies, with their close affiliations with the powerful railroads, are fighting the assistance of the same country storekeepers who a few years ago were scared over the rural free delivery.

The country merchant would be no more harmed by the proposed parcel post than he has been by rural delivery. What he would lose to city department and mail order houses under the new system would be more than made up by what he would gain by being able to send goods to customers through the mails at a low rate himself. To prevent the possibility of any injury to country merchants, as well as to benefit the farmer and bring revenue to the government, Postmaster-General Meyer ad-

vanced the idea of a preferential rate on rural routes.

The idea is to charge only 3 cents a pound for parcels sent from one point on a route to another point on the same route. If the 12-cent-a-pound rate were established on all mail packages throughout the country, the rural routes which would benefit the farmer and the country merchant there would be a preference of 7 cents a pound. This would give the country merchant quite an advantage over the mail order merchants of the big cities.

The fact that the express companies persistently practice such extortion in their rates should be a strong argument in addition to those cited for the adoption of the parcel post system proposed--Orange Judd Farmer.

Store Closed Monday--Washington's Birthday

Countless Shopping Treats Awaiting You Here Tuesday!

Success is crowning our every effort. Others are telling you that February is the dulllest month of the year, and here we find it almost the busiest. Our February sales have had a phenomenal growth from year to year. By close figuring and close pricing, we go a step further each season and such extraordinary values as the following make it so. Who would disdain to share in such savings as these?

New Wash Fabrics At Unusually Low Prices!

The best manufacturers of the world find in this store a place to put their finest products before a discerning clientele. The women of Salt Lake have learned well that Auerbach's are out "before the birds" with Spring Fabrics. We are offering prices for next week that most merchants would call "Sale Prices," but this is in pursuance of our policy to TAKE A LOW PRICE, BUT SELL AT LOT. TAKE ADVANTAGE YOURSELF OF THIS SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

- 100 piece FLEMISH--a linen finished Wash Fabric in the New Border effects--pretty colorings 33 inches wide--Value 20c. Next week 9 1/2c
- 20 PIECE NEW BORDERED SWISSES--in light and dark tints--value 20c. Next week 16 1/2c
- 20c LUSTER LINENS--in all the popular shades--next week per yard 16 1/2c
- 20c MERCERIZED LINEN SUITINGS--next week per yard 35c

ESTABLISHED 1864

Auerbach & Bro.

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

TUESDAY! \$2.50 Portieres At \$1.39 the Pair	TUESDAY! \$2.00 Lawn Waists \$1.29	TUESDAY! 75c Dresser Scarfs and Squares At 39c each
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50 pair Tapestry Portieres Curtains, woven in raised figured designs, fringed at top and bottom, in reds and greens, 2 yards long. Value \$2.50. Special for Tuesday \$1.39 day at a pair.

Dozens and dozens of handsome long sleeves, open front and back, all over embroidered lawn waists. Waists worth \$2.00. Tuesday \$1.29 day as long as they last.

200 spoketitched White Dresser Scarfs, size 18x30, and Lunch Cloths, size 36x36, all with drawn work borders. Value 75c. Special, 39c for Tuesday at each.

The New White Goods

"Are Not the New White Goods Perfectly Beautiful?"

That's what admirers and buyers said who thronged the White Goods Aisles all week, and the half were not there; every day adds to our immense stock novelties that are rich and rare--we mention a few special prices for this week:

- WHITE MADRAS SHIRTINGS, value 25c next week, 24c
- WHITE FLAXON WAISTINGS, value 25c next week, 24c
- WHITE OXFORD WAISTINGS, value 40c next week, 29c
- WHITE NOVELTY SWISSES, value 40c next week, 29c
- WHITE SYLVIA LAWN, next week value 60c, 39c
- WHITE MERCERIZED WAISTINGS, value 50c, next week, 66c

NEW SUITS

Many will be shown and be on sale for the first time this week--that's not all--we want you to choose early and offer the greatest of all inducements --"Price." Here are some of them--never before offered at any price:

- New Spring Suits \$20.00**
Never before in the history of Salt Lake have you had the opportunity to purchase at the very beginning of the season \$20.00 values in serges, Panamas and fancy materials. All the new models as we show this week. **\$20.00**
- New Spring Suits \$14.75**
A collection of swell, dressy suits of serge, fancy suitings and Panamas in solid colors and mixtures, new hipless coats, new gored skirts finished with loops and buttons. You can't go wrong with one of these \$20. **\$14.75**
- New Spring Suits \$10.75**
For the first time this season we are showing new spring tailored suits of Panama and Italian cloth at a price that will sell this line in a hurry worth fully \$15.50--here this week. **\$10.75**

Ladies' Vests

Best 20c grade at 12 1/2c

Ladies' Low Neck Sleeveless white Vests, with fancy lace front, all sizes, the best 20c Summer Vest, 12 1/2c

White English Long Cloth

At \$1.89 a bolt

100 piece fine white English Long Cloth, the medium finish, strictly free from dressing, 36 inches wide. Value \$3.00. Special for Tuesday \$1.89 day at a bolt.

Ladies' Vests

Best 35c grade at 25c

Ladies' White Vests with high neck and long sleeves, all sizes, an excellent light weight quality for early spring wear, best 35c value, Tuesday at 25c

\$3.00 White Bed Spreads

At \$1.89 each

Extra large size White Crochet Bed Spreads, measure 82x92 inches and fine white Marseilles Bed Spreads, measure 78x88 inches, all choice patterns. Special \$1.89 for Tuesday, at each. Limit 1 to a customer.

Ladies' Union Suits

\$1.25 Grade for 75c

Ladies' light natural gray wool mixed Jersey ribbed Union Suits, all sizes, our regular \$1.25 quality on Tuesday only at 75c

Spring Dress Goods And Silks

Are Arriving Daily.

So numerous and varied are the novelties which will be considered correct for the coming season that specific description is manifestly impossible, but you are invited to come and LOOK at the pretty fabrics to your heart's content. We'll be happy to show them even if you are not yet ready to purchase.

- 75 pieces of 49-inch COLORED PANCY SILK, New Spring styles in plain, color, changeable, figures and plaids. In this collection can be found a very choice assortment to select from suitable for Dresses, Waists and separate Skirts, the 75c quality. Special for Tuesday and week at 48c a yard
- 20 inch wide COLORED DOTTED POLAROID SILK, in a beautiful range of colors with a large stylish white dot. Can be had in the following colors, navy, black, red, brown, and green, this is soft, rich flexible silk and is an ideal fabric for Waists, Dresses and separate Skirts, the \$1.00 quality. Special for Tuesday and week at 79c
- NEW SPRING SUITINGS, 35 inch Newell Colors, New stripe Effects in Tan, Smokes, Toupe, Green, Gray, Brown, Copenhagen, etc. Suitable for separate shirt waists, suits, etc., bought to retail at \$1.00, special Tuesday and week at 50c
- NEW CHEFON TAPESTA CLOTH, 41 inch All Wood Tullesta Cloth, plain and fancy weaves in Black and all the new and most popular colors for Spring, worth regular \$1.15 a yard, special Monday and week at 85c

Extraordinary Clothing and Furnishing Values

To emphasize our strong bargain-giving, we make these ridiculously low prices on the following lots:

- Gents Good Hosiery**
25c to 20c Cashmere, wool or linen half hose, all colors. Broken lines last of lots, etc. Your choice at per pair 23c
- \$1.50 Childrens Caps 59c**
Bauskin caps in all styles and several colors, odds and ends, values up to \$1.50. To close them out take your choice at only 59c
- Men's Flannel Work Shirts**
4 dozen men's wool flannel overshirts, embracing all broken lines of shirts worth from \$1.25 to \$2.00. Sizes 14 1/2 to 17. All put out at one price for rapid selling. Take your choice at 95c
- \$3.50 to \$5.00 Boy's Suits \$2.48**
Two hundred and fifty suits, broken lines, last of lots, etc., sizes 12 to 16. Values \$3.50 to \$5.00. All gone during the week at your choice for \$2.48

Surprising Values in New Spring Shoes

One visit to our shoe department will give you a better idea of the new styles and the values we offer than a whole page of talk would give.

These specials for Tuesday and week:

- Ladies Black or Brown Kid Oxfords**
With medium weight soles and military heels, all sizes, spring stock, value \$2.50 a pair, \$1.95
- LADIES' NEWEST STREET OR DRESS OXFORDS, in Black Kid, Patent, Tan, Brown or Wine, all made over the sweetest spring lasts, the largest assortment ever shown. Values up to \$3.45**
- MISSES' BLACK DONGOLA KID SHOES, with patent tips and extension soles, sizes 1 1/2 to 2 1/2, value \$1.75. Special spring price \$1.35**
- BOYS' BOX CALF SCHOOL SHOE, with extension sole, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, value \$2.50, at a pair \$1.95**

NEW HOSEIERY!

RELIABLE QUALITIES AT EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICES.

At 3 Pair for \$1.00.

Wayne Knit Indestructible Hosiery, guaranteed for wear, a guarantee that means what it says. If they are not perfectly satisfactory return the old and we'll exchange them for new, all sizes in light or medium weight at 3 pair for \$1.00

At 25c a Pair.

Ladies' black or tan, extra quality seamless embroidered Cotton Hose, all sizes, an excellent quality, good 35c value at 25c

At 25c a Pair.

Ladies' fine light weight Lisle Thread Hose with Garter Tops, is full regular made with high spliced heels and toes, all sizes, best 35c grade, 25c at a pair

At 50c a Pair.

A great variety of the best 75c values in Ladies' plain Lisle or Mako Cotton Hose and an endless variety of pretty Lace or Embroidered Hose, in all sizes, all our best 75c values this week at a pair, \$1.19

At \$1.19 a Pair.

Ladies' all Pure Silk Hose in an extra good guaranteed quality, made with double soles and high spliced heels and toes, all sizes in black and white and colors, the greatest \$1.49 values in America, on sale \$1.19 at a pair

At 50c a Pair.

Infants' all Pure Silk Hose in black, white and colors, sizes 4 to 6, the best wearing 75c quality, on sale at 50c

\$2.25 Linen Table Cloths

At \$1.29 each

100 White Linen Table Cloths--hemstitched and spoketitched--some with drawn work borders, 8-4 and 8-12 sizes, all new designs. Value \$2.25. Special for Tuesday \$1.29 day at each. Limit 2 to a customer.

Boys' Blouses

At 44c each

60c, 65c and 75c blouses in best quality percale and madras materials--Sizes 4 to 15. Special for one day only at 44c

75c Bed Sheets

At 49c each

200 Hemmed Bleached Bed Sheets--the Belfast Make--Linen finished--2 1/2 yards long and 2 1/2 yards wide--the double bed size--Regular Price 75c--Tuesday--limit 4 to a customer at 49c

At 49c each

Limit 1 bolt to a customer.